

JAMAICA: IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD SAFETY SYSTEMS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Executing
Agency:**

Jamaican Bureau of Standards (JBS)

Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries of the project include: 600 representatives of various entities (small businesses, chambers, industry associations, consulting companies, etc.) that will be made aware of the importance of management systems through awareness raising events, 900 owner/managers of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that will receive more specialized information on the requirements of management systems, 70 national consultants that will be trained as external auditors, 90 local consultants trained in the implementation of management systems in SMEs, 100 firms that will receive matching grants to implement systems, and the JBS that will gain training, auditing and consulting expertise as a result of the project.

**Amount and
source:**

Method: non-reimbursable – Human Resources Facility

MIF (Facility II)	US\$ 800,000
Local counterpart funding:	<u>US\$ 580,000</u>
Total:	US\$ 1,380,000

**Execution
Schedule:**

Execution:	36 months
Disbursement:	42 months

**Objectives and
description:**

The overall objective of the project is to improve the level of efficiency, quality and competitiveness of Jamaican SMEs. The purpose of the project is to develop local demand and capacity to implement quality, environmental and food safety management systems in SMEs.

The project is comprised of four components that aim to: (i) raise the awareness of owners/managers of SMEs regarding the importance of quality management and/or Hazardous Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) systems for their competitiveness; (ii) facilitate the development of a domestic training and consulting market in management systems; (iii) provide managers and staff of small and medium firms with the capability to implement management systems in order to promote quality, competitiveness, food safety improvement, and exports; and, (iv) build capacity in the Jamaica Bureau of Standards to provide services in support of SME competitiveness.

**Special
contractual
conditions:**

Prior to first disbursement, in addition to the Bank's standard contractual conditions, the executing agency will have appointed the Program Management Unit (see paragraph 4.1 and 4.9).

**Environmental
and Social
Impact:**

The Committee on Environment and Social Impact reviewed and approved this document without comment on June 11, 2001.